



Minnesota Board of Marriage and Family Therapy



Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting September 21, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Flaten, Chair
Denny Morrow, Vice Chair
John Seymour, Secretary
Shonda Craft
Herb Grant

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kay Ek
Bruce O'Leary

STAFF PRESENT:

Jennifer Mohlenhoff, Executive Director

GUESTS:

Steve Peltier, St. Mary's University
Bruce Minor, MAMFT, Argosy University
Students

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mark Flaten called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., in Conference Room C of the University Park Plaza Building.

II. CONSIDER AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE July 20, 2012, BOARD MEETING

Denny Morrow made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2012, Board meeting as written. John Seymour seconded the motion. The motion passed.

IV. ADMINSTRATIVE REPORT

Members reviewed Jennifer's Administrative Report as follows.

Budget Report

Listing of applications approved by the Application Committee – September / October, 2012

Listing of LAMFT and LMFT licenses issued – September / October, 2012

Renewal period - earlier start time

Budget process

- a) Fee reduction – National exam application
- b) Appropriation increase
- c) Required 5% reduction

V. HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROGRAM (HPSP) REPORT TO THE BOARD BY KURT ROBERTS, HPSP CASE MANAGER

Kurt Roberts, Case Manager from HPSP, gave an overview of services provided by HPSP and held discussion with members regarding HPSP referral of applicants who have disclosed criminal conviction of drug or alcohol-related offenses.

VI. VARIANCES (#V-2012-022; #V-2012-023; #V-2012-024; #V-2012-025)

V-2012-022 - Members reviewed and discussed a request for a variance to extend an LAMFT term upon reactivation of the license. John Seymour made a motion to approve the variance. Herb Grant seconded the motion. The motion passed.

V-2012-023 – Members reviewed and discussed a request for a variance to waive the reinstatement fees required for the reactivation of an expired LAMFT license. John Seymour made a motion to deny the request. Denny Morrow seconded the motion. The motion passed.

V-2012-024 - Members reviewed and discussed a request for a variance asking to sit for the national exam for an 8th time. Herb Grant made a motion to approve the variance. John Seymour seconded the motion. The motion passed.

V-2012-025 - Members reviewed and discussed a request for a variance from an applicant seeking permission to have a non-LMFT serve as a supervisor for purposes of MFT licensure. John Seymour made a motion to deny the motion, and requested that the Director of the Board have

discussion with the applicant to explain further that use of a non-LMFT supervisor is granted only in the most exceptional of situations and to advise that obtaining up to 25% of required electronic supervision from a Board-approved LMFT supervisor may be granted to applicants where issues of time and travel are a factor. Shonda Craft seconded the motion. The motion passed.

VII. POLICY DISCUSSION: HPSP REFERRAL OF APPLICANT UPON DISCLOSURE OF CRIMINAL CONVICTION OF DRUG OR ALCOHOL-RELATED OFFENSE

At the request of the Applications Committee, Jennifer and members held discussion whether the Board should utilize HPSP services for applicants who have disclosed past alcohol and/or drug related offenses. Members agreed that additional administrative steps should be taken to get further background information on reported offenses prior to Application Committee review of file. No strict criteria would be established; the Applications Committee would review the totality of the circumstances during file review.

VIII. AMFTRB ANNUAL MEETING – REPORT FROM DELEGATE SHONDA CRAFT

Shonda Craft reported that she attended the AMFTRB Annual Meeting September 4-6, 2012, in San Francisco, CA. Highlighted items of the conference included:

- AMFTRB website, including discussion of the FAQ section and Candidate Handbook which are available on the website;
- State Delegate reports with a summary of disciplinary, structural, and procedural issues reported by states;
- Regulatory trends of social media and impaired professionals;
- State data on online training, supervision, and therapy;
- MFT national examination - administration, practice analysis results, and annual report of the exam;
- Model law update

IX. PUBLIC INPUT

Bruce Minor encouraged the Board to take into account racial disparities in criminal charging and conviction rates when reviewing disclosures by license applicants. Bruce Minor also reported that the MAMFT website address has changed to: www.mamft.net

X. OTHER ITEMS

APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE:

The Applications Committee met on July 20th, 2012, and August 17, 2012.

- Applications approved for the State oral exam: 30

- Applications (Non-COAMFTE) approved for the national exam: 18
- Applications (COAMFTE) approved for the national exam: 19
- Applications for Reciprocity: 3

ORAL EXAMINATIONS:

August 22, 2012:

Four (4) applicants sat for the oral exam. Upon successful completion, licenses were issued to the following:

1. Bosl, Chad M.
2. Noffsinger, Alana C.
3. Stapel, Jeremy J.
4. Teresa, Mark A.

August 21, 2012:

Eight (8) applicants sat for the oral exam. Upon successful completion, licenses were issued to the following:

1. Birkland IV, John A
2. Gold, Amy M.
3. Hettig, Jaclyn M.
4. Nelson, Beth D.
5. Ringler, Holly J.
6. Tesch, Sheri J.

August 17, 2012:

11 applicants sat for the oral exam. Upon successful completion, licenses were issued to the following:

1. Hicks, William L.
2. Keyes, Sandra A.
3. Klefsaas, Maggie Anne Richardson
4. Knapp, Jennifer M.
5. Markovich, Ann E.
6. Marlton, Jon A.
7. Schulz, Toni M.
8. Truong, Stephanie M.
9. Von Eschon, John C.

August 16, 2012:

Eight (8) applicants sat for the oral exam. Upon successful completion, licenses were issued to the following:

1. Benson, Elizabeth C.
2. Finnegan, Joanne M.
3. Marshall, Marianne G.
4. Moberg, Lauren J.
5. O'Shea, Angela Marie Mallinger
6. Rye, Jennifer M.
7. Smith, Donna J.
8. Thompson, Ann M.D.

July 11, 2012:

12 applicants sat for the oral exam. Upon successful completion, licenses were issued to the following:

1. Beasley, Anissa K.
2. Beddow, Kathleen Bischel
3. Board, Jonna Beth
4. Daniels, Gina M.
5. Flogel, Stacey L.
6. Keeler, Maria A.
7. Le, Huy Trong
8. Osborne Leivian, Tara R.
9. Preston, April Y.
10. Pugmire, Emree M.
11. Surve, Kimberly M.
12. Waterman, Tiffany M.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mark Flaten adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m. on a motion by Denny Morrow, seconded by Herb Grant. The motion passed.

I hereby attest that these minutes were read and approved by the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy on November 16, 2012.

John Seymour, Secretary